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JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in a joint Naval exercise with Japan and South Korea in the recent past;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the extent to which Indian Navy has been benefited from the exercise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes,Sir.Indian Navy has carried out Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the navies of South Korea and Japan in October, 2008.Two ships of Indian Navy had participated in that exercise. Before that,Japanese ships had visited Mumbai in August,2008,when a basic level PASSEX was conducted,involving two Indian Naval Ships.Similarly,two South Korean naval ships had visited Kochi in early October,2008,when a similar basic level PASSEX was conducted.

These exercises helped in promoting mutual cooperation and inter-operability.The knowledge gained during such exercises is helpful for navy's role in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.